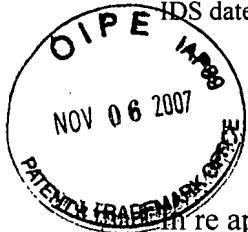


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of: K. Land et al.
Serial No: 10/779378
Confirmation No.: 9024
Filed: 02-13-2004
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAID
CONVERSION

Art Unit: 2113
Examiner: Ehne, Charles

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The applicant submits an Information Disclosure Statement to disclose a European search report issued on June 26, 2007 for the European counterpart application and references cited therein. This IDS is submitted together with a Petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c) and a Request for Continued Examination.

The applicant notes that the European search report was directed to the originally filed claims in the European counterpart application, which are identical to the originally filed claims in the present U.S. application. The present U.S. application has been amended to cancel all claims except claims 22 and 23, which have been amended.

The applicant notes that of the references cited in the European search report, only US 5479653 was applied to claims 22 and 23 as being particularly relevant. GB 2343265 and US 6052759 were additionally applied to claims 22 or 23 as providing technical background. The applicant submits that these references do not teach the subject matter of claims 22 and 23, in particular the way a watermark is used in performing RAID conversion as required by claim 22. Accordingly, the applicant believes that claims 22 and 23 are allowable over the references cited in the European search report.

Early, favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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